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SUBJECT: MBFR SPC DISCUSSION DECEMBER 19 OF AHG END-OF-ROUND RE-
PORT TO NAC

REF: (A) MBFR VIENNA 513

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1. SPC ON DECEMBER 19 TOOK A FIRST LOOK AT THE AHG END-OF ROUND
REQUEST FOR NEW NAC GUIDANCE.

2. NETHERLANDS REP (BUWALDA) SAID HIS GOVERNMENT BELIEVES THE AHG
REQUEST FOR A DEFINITIVE ALLIED POSITION ON THE EASTERN FREEZE
PROPOSAL REQUIRES URGENT ATTENTION, AND THE UK COUNTER-PROPOSAL
(PARA 4, REF B) IS A GOOD BASIS FOR GUIDANCE. HE DOUBTED THAT THE
AHG SUGGESTED TARGET DATE OF JANUARY 31 WAS REALISTIC, AND THOUGHT
MID-FEBRUARY WAS BETTER. UK REP (LOGAN) SAID UK WISHED AHG TO
MAKE A REPLY EARLY IN THE NEXT SESSION, AND SO WOULD WANT TO
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MAINTAIN JANUARY 31 TARGET DATE. UK WAS NOT NECESSARILY WEDDED
TO ITS PARTIUCULAR FORM OF COUNTER-PROPOSAL, AND WOULD LIKE TO
HEAR THE VIEWS OF OTHERS RE A COUNTER-PROPOSAL. BELGIAN REP
(WILLOT) ALSO STRESSED NEED TO PUT AHG IN POSITION TO MAKE

DEFINITIVE REPLY TO OUTSET OF NEXT SESSION.

3. SPC DISCUSSION OF U.S. PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE AIR MANPOWER IN COMMON CEILING WITHOUT REQUIRED AIR REDUCTIONS, WHICH ALSO FIGURES IN AHG REQUEST, REPORTED SEPTTEL.

4. THE ONLY OTHER INTERVENTION ON A SPECIFIC POINT IN THE AHG REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE WAS ON SUBJECT OF VERIFICATION. FRG REP (HOYNCK) ON PERSONAL BASIS SAID HE DOUBTED HIS AUTHORITIES BELIEVE THE AHG NEEDS TO PUT FORWARD DETAILED PROPOSALS ON VERIFICATION AT AN EARLY DATE, AND HE DOUBTED THAT NATO COULD AGREE ON SUCH PROPOSALS BY THE MARCH 1 SUGGESTED TARGET DATE.

5. NETHERLANDS REP SAID THAT HIS DELEGATION WOULD LIKE THE AHG REQUEST FOR NAC GUIDANCE TO GO ON A NAC AGENDA SOME TIME IN JANUARY, SO PERMREPS COULD COMMENT ON IT BEFORE SPC HAD COMPLETED ITS WORK.

6. THE SPC WILL RETURN TO THE AHG REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE AT ITS NEXT MEETING ON JANUARY 6. MISSION RECOMMENDATIONS RE WASHINGTON INSTRUCTIONS FOLLOW SEP TEL.

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